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QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEM AND AB 939 COMPLIANCE—SB 1066 TIME EXTENSION

This report provides a status of implementation of the Solid Waste Collection System Recommendations and the AB 939 Compliance—SB 1066 Time Extension. It covers the period from November 27, 2003, through February 29, 2004.

On February 2, 2004, Public Works forwarded the 2002 Annual Report to the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The Annual Report identified the County's waste reduction programs and its overall waste diversion rate and provided an update on the County's implementation on the programs and policies identified in the Waste Board approved Time Extension. Using the State's methodology, the 2002 diversion rate for the County's unincorporated areas was calculated at 19 percent. As previously reported to your Board, Public Works believes the County unincorporated area diversion rates that were calculated using the State's methodology do not reflect the high level of waste diversion programs implemented by the County. Public Works will continue to keep your Board apprised of the County's efforts to comply with the State waste reduction mandates and the effectiveness of the programs. The programs/policies will enhance the County's ability to document its mathematical compliance with the AB 939 waste reduction mandates. Upon full implementation of the programs/policies in the Time Extension, we anticipate an improvement in the County's calculated diversion rate. Below is an update on those programs deemed critical to the success of the County's efforts.

- Public Works, Health Services, and County Counsel continue to work in developing a draft ordinance updating the County Code to authorize franchising as well as a model franchise agreement that would be utilized in establishing future franchises. County Counsel is near finalizing its review of the model franchise agreement. A revised draft model franchise agreement was forwarded

to the Solid Waste Collection System Action Plan Working Group members on February 17, 2004. A working group meeting has been scheduled for March 9, 2004, to discuss the franchise agreement with the ultimate goal of finalizing the franchise agreement by May 2004.

The proposed County Code revisions have undergone several revisions to address comments from County Counsel and are close to being finalized. Public Works anticipates submitting the proposed County Code revisions to your Board for consideration in April 2004. Once the County Code revisions have been adopted by your Board, Public Works, in consultation with the Board offices, will be conducting a series of community meetings in each proposed franchise area. At the conclusion of each round of meetings and based on community input, the franchise agreements will be finalized and submitted to your Board for consideration.

- Public Works is working with County Counsel to finalize a draft Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Ordinance which includes changes recommended by the building industry. County Counsel completed its review of the revised Ordinance and Public Works is working with County Counsel to address their comments. It is anticipated that the Ordinance will be submitted to your Board for consideration in spring 2004.

A Request for Proposals was issued for a Construction and Demolition Debris Education Program that would be implemented following adoption of the Ordinance. This Program would educate stakeholders on the requirements of the Ordinance and assist them in complying. Proposals were submitted on January 21. It is anticipated that this contract will go to your Board for consideration along with the Ordinance in spring 2004.

- Public Works and the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County continue to work towards developing the waste origin verification program required by the Puente Hills Landfill Conditional Use Permit. On December 10, 2003, the Sanitation Districts' Board of Directors adopted an Ordinance to implement the verification program. The program will be implemented in two phases. The first phase, which begins March 29, 2004, will implement the verification requirements for direct haul loads. The second phase will extend the requirements to transfer/process loads and will be implemented following the implementation of the first phase. The CUP, which became effective November 1, 2003, would allow the Landfill to receive up to 13,200 tons of solid waste per day through October 31,

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2013. Currently, most of the waste originating in the unincorporated areas is being disposed at this Landfill.

- The Department of Regional Planning, in conjunction with County Parks and Recreation, Health Services, County Counsel, and Public Works, is drafting the new CUP for the combined City/County Landfill portions of Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Regional Planning will set a date for public hearings in the coming months. We intend to include a CUP provision that requires a waste origin verification program similar to the one contained in the Puente Hills Landfill CUP.

We will submit the next status report in May 2004. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Don Wolfe, Chief Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4002, or Shari Afshari, Assistant Deputy Director, at (626) 458-3500.

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